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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, the Applicants herein amend the above-identified application for patent.

The currently pending claims and amendments thereto are recited beginning at page 2.

The Applicants' remarks begin at page 6.